

We claim

CLAIMS:

1. A method for imparting (topographical) or protective features to a substrate comprising the steps of:

5 (a) providing a sheet material having a top surface and bottom surface, comprising two or more layers, comprising an upper layer and a lower layer, said upper layer being a microporous ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin film, and said lower layer comprising a thermosettable melt-flowable composition comprising one or more thermosettable polymers;

10 (b) contacting said bottom surface of said sheet material with said substrate, leaving said top surface of said sheet material exposed;
(c) heating said sheet material to an elevated temperature; and
(d) allowing said sheet material and said substrate to cool,
15 wherein said sheet material remains adhered to said substrate.

2. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said one or more thermosettable polymers comprise a polyester and a thermosettable component.

20 3. A method according to claim 2, wherein said thermosettable component comprises an epoxy resin and, optionally, a curative to polymerize said epoxy resin.

25 4. A method according to claim 1, wherein said polyolefin film is a polyethylene film.

5. A method for imparting (topographical) or protective features to a substrate comprising the steps of:

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(a) providing a sheet material having a top surface and bottom surface, comprising two or more layers, comprising an upper layer and a lower layer, said upper layer being a polyester film with a cured epoxy/polyester (priming layer), wherein said (priming layer) forms the top surface of said sheet material, and said lower layer comprising a thermosettable melt-flowable composition comprising one or more thermosettable polymers;

(b) contacting said bottom surface of said sheet material with said substrate, leaving said top surface of said sheet material exposed;

10 (c) heating said sheet material to an elevated temperature; and

(d) allowing said sheet material and said substrate to cool, wherein said sheet material remains adhered to said substrate.

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